

love wars and glory, and the more complete their armaments the stronger grows their self-confidence, and they are not content to be satisfied with a narrow view of the map of Europe.

Chancellor von Caprivi's speech was greeted with loud applause by the supporters of the Government. Referring to the Russo-German relations, the Chancellor said: "The present state of affairs is the result of the unprovoked aggression of Russia against Germany. It is not our duty to remain passive in the face of such a challenge. We must stand firm and defend our rights."

The Times' Berlin correspondent writes: "The Chancellor's speech was a masterpiece of statesmanship. It was clear, concise, and to the point. It showed that Germany was not only strong but also just. The speech was received with great enthusiasm by the German people."

There are now better prospects for the settlement of the cotton strike, owing to the discovery that the operatives are willing to consider a proposal for a temporary reduction of wages in return for the payment of the strike pay for the short time. The proposal was made by the cotton manufacturers and was accepted by the operatives.

The Queen's presence is again being publicly discussed. The Queen has just arrived at Windsor, where she has a large number of visitors. It is said that she is feeling well and is enjoying her stay at Windsor. The Queen's health has been a subject of much interest to the public.

The Government has decided that the royal bookbinder shall cease to exist at the end of the present season. The bookbinder has been a part of the royal household for many years, but the Government has decided to discontinue the position. The bookbinder's duties will be taken over by the royal library.

Editor of the Star, London.—Another dispatch from the Queen's presence is again being publicly discussed. The Queen has just arrived at Windsor, where she has a large number of visitors. It is said that she is feeling well and is enjoying her stay at Windsor.

of the matter by Mrs. Kern of her four children. They were starving. It is stated that the children were found in a state of extreme emaciation and were unable to walk.

Reverend P. M. Flanagan, pastor of St. Ann's Church, this city, has received a letter from Bishop Angarone, Vice Apostolic Delegate for the Congo. The letter was dated December 15th and was addressed to the Reverend Father.

Two prominent young girls having quarreled a duel was arranged. On the eve of the combat, the girls were seen in the company of their friends. The duel was held in a private garden and was witnessed by a small number of people.

The World in the morning will be a detailed how the American (Continental and Breding) Company, in which James J. Phelps and Henry B. Phelps of San Francisco were the chief movers, cleared \$10,000,000 in the first year of its operation.

The elegant and costly summer residence of the late Mr. J. P. Morgan, which was destroyed by fire, has been reconstructed. The new building is more modern and more comfortable than the old one. It is now ready for occupation.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE. Tuesday, 27th December. CLOSING QUOTATIONS. RICE. Canton, 21st November. 2000 lbs. 1000 lbs. 500 lbs. 250 lbs. 125 lbs. 62 1/2 lbs. 31 1/4 lbs. 15 3/4 lbs. 7 3/4 lbs. 3 3/4 lbs. 1 3/4 lbs. 3/4 lb. 1/4 lb. 1/8 lb. 1/16 lb. 1/32 lb. 1/64 lb. 1/128 lb. 1/256 lb. 1/512 lb. 1/1024 lb. 1/2048 lb. 1/4096 lb. 1/8192 lb. 1/16384 lb. 1/32768 lb. 1/65536 lb. 1/131072 lb. 1/262144 lb. 1/524288 lb. 1/1048576 lb. 1/2097152 lb. 1/4194304 lb. 1/8388608 lb. 1/16777216 lb. 1/33554432 lb. 1/67108864 lb. 1/134217728 lb. 1/268435456 lb. 1/536870912 lb. 1/1073741824 lb. 1/2147483648 lb. 1/4294967296 lb. 1/8589934592 lb. 1/17179869184 lb. 1/34359738368 lb. 1/68719476736 lb. 1/137438953472 lb. 1/274877906944 lb. 1/549755813888 lb. 1/1099511627776 lb. 1/2199023255552 lb. 1/4398046511104 lb. 1/8796093022208 lb. 1/17592186044416 lb. 1/35184372088832 lb. 1/70368744177664 lb. 1/140737488355328 lb. 1/281474976710656 lb. 1/562949953421312 lb. 1/1125899906842624 lb. 1/2251799813685248 lb. 1/4503599627370496 lb. 1/9007199254740992 lb. 1/18014398509481984 lb. 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TO LET.

GODDOWNS at WANAI, with good water frontage, suitable for storing Coal or Merchandise.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1892. [1279]

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GROUND FLOOR, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD. Cool and airy, suitable for Office.
Apply to
WET PO-SHIN,
45, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1892. [1280]

TO LET.

NO. 3, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE. Apply to
CHAN YAT,
Nos. 1 & 3, Lower Mosque Terrace.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1892. [1018]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
TO LET.
ROOMS for OFFICES and/or CHAMBERS, in the Hotel, facing Queen's Road and Pedder Street. With immediate occupancy if required.
For Particulars, apply to
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A SMALL OFFICE, No. 17C, PRATA COVE, No. 10, OLD BAILEY.
No. 17, PRATA CENTRAL, at present occupied by the New Oriental Bank in Liquidation. New HOUSES in PRATA CENTRAL, BOWMAN ROAD, near BRISTOL POINT.
No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS.
FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, PRATA CENTRAL (lately occupied by Messrs. Dunn, Melby & Co.).
GODOWN (under Messrs. Douglas Laiprak & Co.)
GODOWN, No. 1A, BLUE BUILDINGS.
SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES at MAGAZINE GAP. Very cheap rental.
Nos. 2 and 23, CAINE ROAD.
FIB-IT FLOOR, No. 23, ELGIN STREET.
Nos. 4, 5, and 6, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.
FLOORS, No. 5, SHELLEY STREET.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1892. [12499]

TO LET.

NO. 3 WEST TERRACE. No. 1, QUEEN'S GARDENS.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1892. [11005]

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WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
THE Large, Handsome SHOP, No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD, Central, lately occupied by Dakin & Co., Limited, and also 2 large airy ROOMS on the top of above.
Apply to
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Victoria Dispensary.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1892. [11638]

TO LET.

NO. 3 PEDDER'S HILL. No. 6, REYNOLDS TERRACE.
OFFICES in No. 4, PRATA CENTRAL (lately occupied by Messrs. Gilman & Co.).
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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Hongkong, 11th November, 1892. [12028]

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66 HARTLEY, a Five-roomed Bungalow near Robinson Road, with Good Kitchen and English Kitchen. No. 7, MOUNTAIN VIEW, 5 Rooms. Beautiful View of Sea and Water. Rent \$40 a month.
CHAMBERS at "WILD DELL BUILDINGS" with every convenience.
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1892. [11444]

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Apply to
DEBILLOS & CO.,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1892. [12672]

TO LET.

66 THE HOMESTEAD, KELLET RIDGE. FURNISHED. "BREEZY POINT" ROBINSON ROAD. FURNISHED or Unfurnished. No. 1, "MOUNTAIN VIEW," FURNISHED or Unfurnished.
ROOMS on SECOND FLOOR of TELEGRAPH HOUSE. FURNISHED or Unfurnished. SUITES or SINGLE ROOMS at KOWLOON FORT. FURNISHED or Unfurnished, three minutes walk from Steam Ferry every quarter of an hour.
LAND for COAL STORAGE at WEST POINT, deep water frontage, and at KOWLOON.
NEW GODOWNS in PRATA COVE.
GODOWNS at KOWLOON POINT.
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1892. [12673]

TO LET.

LARGE GODDOWN underneath Victoria Hotel, at back of Moore & Seimund's place to Prata.
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MORE & SEIMUND,
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Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [12638]

TO LET.

HOUSES in KNOTTS TERRACE, KOWLOON. Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1892. [12300]

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COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS with Board.
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CABOLINIUM AVENUE, 100 YARDS. Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus, &c., and Japanning.
Sole Agents for China, SCHUBERT & CO.
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1932.

THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION IN SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG.

In a letter which recently appeared in our columns on the Volunteer movement, Mr. CHAS. J. HOLMAY, referring to the question of cost, said the members of the Shanghai corps submitted to much that could not be insisted upon by the authorities in a Crown Colony like Hongkong. Would it be fair to apply this principle to other matters than Volunteering and say that not only the Volunteers but the residents generally of the Model Settlement have to submit to much that could not be tolerated in the Crown Colony of Hongkong, and that the cost of administration must consequently be greater here than there? A glance at some of the leading features of the budgets of the two places may be of some interest. In Hongkong, in the City of Victoria, the assessed rates are 18 per cent. At Shanghai the general municipal rate is 8 per cent, on the assessed rentals of foreign houses and 10 per cent, on those of Chinese houses. In Hongkong the rates cover water, but at Shanghai the waterworks are the property of a company which collects payment itself from each of the inhabitants as may use its water. The majority of the Chinese are content to draw their supply from other sources, perhaps like a former Magistrate of the Mixed Court, preferring water with some substance in it, but Europeans generally have the Company's water laid on, and it would probably be reasonable to add two per cent, to that amount to the amount of their rates before comparing them with those paid in Hongkong. We have then a difference of say three per cent. in the house tax paid at the two places. There are of course other items of revenue, but it is hardly necessary to consider these. The land tax at Shanghai may be taken as the equivalent of the Crown rent paid by lot-holders in Hongkong, and the dues on merchandise as a set-off to our stamp duty. License fees also may be left out of consideration. The difference of say three per cent. in the house tax therefore represents what we in Hongkong have to pay for the privilege of living in a Crown Colony instead of in a foreign settlement in China. What do we get for the money?

As regards the European population it may be regarded as one that is not particularly personal, convenient, and liberty, we get nothing that we could not get without; and as regards the Chinese, their appreciation of the advantages they are supposed to enjoy may be rated very low. There are many reasons for this. From the individual to the community, there are certain undoubted advantages which we would not readily forego. Living in a fortress we enjoy a sense of security which is foreign to the Treaty Ports. For that reason alone we have to pay a heavy military contribution, which goes to the maintenance and the justice of which is disputed by many. This is a matter, however, in which we cannot help ourselves, since we have to pay what the Imperial Authorities demand. Another very substantial advantage is that Hongkong is a free port, whereas Shanghai is subject to Customs duties and the payment of duties on its trade. The first thing that strikes the eye of a visitor to the subject of education. In Hongkong the Government spends some \$80,000 a year on education, while at Shanghai the grants made by the Municipality for the same purpose amount to less than \$3,000. At Shanghai, however, a free city of 2,000,000, the Municipality would do well to establish a public school system, at a cost not less than that of Hongkong. Our Medical and Sanitary Departments cost nearly \$150,000 a year, while at Shanghai the expenditure is only \$100,000. Of the total expenditure in Hongkong in connection with the Botanical Department the greater proportion should be charged to afforestation work, the maintenance of our larger Gardens costing little more than that of the smaller Gardens at Shanghai. During the last year, we find our police cost us \$228,000 a year, exclusive of the heavy pension list, while at Shanghai the cost is about \$15,000,000. This, however, does not include the cost of the police on the French Concession. It has to be remembered that in Hongkong we have a large population to police, and that the police of the harbour estate expenses which are not incurred at Shanghai. There are also a number of services which Shanghai gets for nothing, but which we in Hongkong have to pay for. We have a Government of our own, and at Shanghai the criminals are taken charge of by the Chinese Authorities, and are treated with an humanity that could not be tolerated under a civilised Government. If the Shanghai Municipality were responsible for the custody of the criminals it would certainly have to provide for them a staff of 500 officials, and will be seen from the above figures that taxation at Shanghai is somewhat higher than in Hongkong. It is not altogether due to greater economy but to the fact that the budget of the Municipality does not represent a total expenditure, but only the Chinese Government and Police Departments, and that we in Hongkong have to defray for ourselves. Nevertheless there is a gold in the situation of Shanghai which might with advantage be imitated in Hongkong. It is a matter of fact that the Municipal Administration at Shanghai is a model of efficiency, and the superior regulation of the street traffic, and the general excellence of the municipal arrangements.

THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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CONCERT AT THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

On the afternoon of the 26th inst. a grand concert was given at the Government Civil Hospital, which attracted a large number of the public. The concert was given in aid of the Hospital, and was a most successful one. The programme consisted of a variety of songs and dances, and was well received by the audience. The concert was given in aid of the Hospital, and was a most successful one. The programme consisted of a variety of songs and dances, and was well received by the audience. The concert was given in aid of the Hospital, and was a most successful one. The programme consisted of a variety of songs and dances, and was well received by the audience.

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The annual meeting of the City Hall was held on the 22nd inst. Mr. H. D. Dalrymple, President, presided over the meeting. The meeting was a most successful one, and was well attended. The programme consisted of a variety of songs and dances, and was well received by the audience. The meeting was a most successful one, and was well attended. The programme consisted of a variety of songs and dances, and was well received by the audience.

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From the *Comercio* we learn that an employer of an establishment on the Recinto at Manila has been arrested for selling as an article of commerce some thousands of dollars' worth of jewellery from the first of Hongkong's branch. He had arrived at Manila only a few days before his arrest.

The *Shanghai Mercury*, in a paragraph commencing, "It is a conviction of a European seaman by Commodore Hastings for uttering a counterfeit dollar," says:—"It is doubtful whether the man could have been presented under any circumstances for uttering a counterfeit Mexican dollar, as the latter is not in circulation, and certainly not the coin of the realm." But that is just precisely what the Mexican is in Hongkong, the Queen's proclamation on the subject reading:—"And We do hereby further declare that the said counterfeit dollar is not legal tender, and that the said counterfeit dollar, or any other silver dollar of equal or inferior value, may from time to time be apprehended by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong shall be the only legal tender of the value of one dollar in Hongkong and Islands, Dependencies, and Dependencies."

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Moderate mind might have accepted the excuse offered by the agent in the case in question, but the writer is not inclined to do so on the part of the accused, there can be no doubt as to the correctness of the conviction.

"TESTIN'."

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

31st December.

The Peking may be said to be frozen at Testin the ice formed between yesterday and that traffic was established on it and the sea had accordingly been frozen in the part of the coast on the extent that the steamer *Tang-ho* had difficulty in getting down to Taku. At Taku itself the 31st thick bridges the river, and unless the next spring there be some dryness in such the canal which at Tientsin will be closed for the winter. A gale from S. and westerly winds combined have reduced the water on the bar to 18 ft. and the next spring there will be a low water level at the mouth of the river, below 12 ft. waiting for water to get out. The last steamer towards the *Chungking* is outside the bar, unable to get to the anchorage.

The weather, notwithstanding an unpleasant prevalence of wind which is, very fine, and there is no sickness of any kind. But cold diseases occur as usual. Several cases of influenza have been going on for several weeks.

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A private letter from Tienjin informs the *Wenngang* that Chang Ching-shan, the son of Li Hsiang-chang, to solicit the Chinese assistance in raising a loan of a million taels, the money so obtained to be used in continuing the work on the Great Canal. The letter states that the canal is either closed or work on a much smaller scale than under the present regime, should speedily be resumed. It is pointed out that the canal had been built not for the benefit, Li Hsiang-chang's private use, but for the benefit of the people and two hundred thousand families, refusing to be responsible for a million taels with the characteristic reply that "had he such an amount of money, he would have long since have himself been rich for his own benefit."

A Shanghai resident who visited Tsang-ming

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land last week, says the *N.Y. Daily News*. The 19th last, informs us that the current of the Hudson river was so strong that it carried the island to the south side of the island. In the space of seven years, at least one it has been succeeded upon and the occupants of the land have had to remove their houses farther inland. The natives state that if the water only came at the same rate that it has done, in less than three years the city walls will be in danger. The residents of the island fear that the current of land at least four miles square which was dry ground a few years ago, but is now entirely submerged. The authorities of the island some years ago notified the foreign consuls and the United States minister of the danger to the island to resist the current, but as the price was considered too high, the negotiations fell through. At the same time that the water is encroaching upon the island, it is also encroaching upon the adjoining island farther to the east, but the N.W. end of Bush Island is washing away.

KEEPING.

The railway trains running between Taipeih-fu and Kelung, says the *Shen-pao*, appear to have full fires to Kelung, but the return journey consists of nothing but empty cars, relatively smouldering. The cause may be explained by the fact that every day hundreds of would-be gold-washers come to Kelung for the gold-washing in the vicinity of the Shih-shan hills, at which place there is reported to be already several thousand gold seekers. It is consequently that the sub-provincial Lt. who has official charge of the "diggins," has offered to the government to suspend the operation of the trains to the diggings until next year to be paid in sixty instalments to the Formosa Board of Reorganisation; but it is not yet known whether the Fuli, Shao-Yu-lin, will consent to this course or not.

TOKYO.

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TONKIN.

The *Courrier d'Indo-chine* says:—Last month there went to Mengzi by the Red River route three Europeans, of whom two were Englishmen, for the Chinese Customs there. One of the travellers was a French agent of French nationality, who discharged the functions of Deputy Commissioner. The French element is by this change completely eliminated from the Chinese Customs at Mengzi, which is very noteworthy.

For the greater security of the mines in the north of Tonki, including the Hongzy mines, the province in which they are situated, has been divided into administrative parishes detached from the district of Quang-yen and attached to the first military district. It is stated that the effect of this division retarded the operations against

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One of the French columns sporting against the British, was the recently smothered Italian's rifle losses. From the particular angle in the *America* it appears that the column, which numbered about thirty men, was commanded by Captain Bresson. In the 16th century, the French had a tradition of fighting at Lombray, westward of Caen, in the province of Languedoc. The first and second positions were carried without loss, but at the third position the British were victorious. In the 16th century, the French, received three wounds and died the same day. So far as the British were concerned, the British were killed in action, and four hundred and four francs were worth. The British, whose losses are said to have been great, were great as those of the French, abandoned the position.

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